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Writing Log Reflections: Choice Board - Literary Analysis

Before I began to write my essay, I did have a few problems understanding the prompt. My main concern was understanding compressed symbolism because I honestly had no idea what it was. I remembered learning the concept, but for whatever reason I never fully grasped the meaning. After reading a few pages from *Perrine’s* I was able to understand compressed symbolism. Also, although I knew what symbolism was, I was afraid the symbolism I saw in the stories I analyzed would be totally farfetched and unrealistic.

What I took from the teacher’s comments for this essay that I need to work on next time is that quotations need to help support my thesis. In my essay, I used quotations to help define general concepts and summarize plots. In my next essay, I need to concentrate more on my own thesis instead of general knowledge that the thesis is supposed to be based on. The topic of quotations also ties in with whether I have used them carefully or not. I believe I was able to grammatically tie in quotations but half of the time they were not used logically. The quotations were not used logically when they were not supporting my thesis.

After finishing my essay, I thought I did a better job of tying all of my ideas together than I have in the past. There are some essays I have written that didn’t have smooth transitions, but I feel that this one did. On the other hand, I think I did worse on this essay when it comes to lower order concerns. I think this is due to this being the first essay I’ve written since last year so I’m not really concerned. Overall, I think I’m starting this year at a higher level that I started last year.